



## State Energy Office – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

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**April 5, 2011**

### **DNR announces closing date for incentives to assist Prospective & Established RESNET Certified Home Energy Raters**

*Note: All ARRA Enhanced HERO Programs of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources require RESNET Certified Home Energy Rater verification procedures. These incentives are only available to Louisiana residents.*

DNR has had incentives in place since October of 2009 to assist prospective home energy raters bare the costs of getting started in the home energy rating industry/business in Louisiana. Many individuals have taken advantage of the 60% tuition reimbursement incentive to offset their training costs as well as taken advantage of the 50% equipment reimbursement incentive to offset the high costs of purchasing the equipment to perform ratings. The incentives for HERO Certified Home Energy Raters who were actively working in the original HERO Program as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 expired on April 30, 2011. All tuition and equipment incentives for prospective HERO Certified Home Energy Raters remain in place until May 31, 2011, however the available funds are still on a first come first served basis.

## **Assistance for Prospective RESNET Certified Home Energy Raters**

### **DNR Policy on Reimbursement for RESNET Training**

Upon completion of all Home Energy Rater and HERO Rater certification requirements, the LADNR will reimburse 60% of the training costs associated with becoming certified under RESNET up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student for as long as the funding lasts for students that successfully complete a fully accredited RESNET training course (including the required supervised ratings). This reimbursement incentive will expire on May 31, 2011 at the close of business, 5:30PM.

After successful completion of the course, new RESNET certified Home Energy Raters will be required to submit the following documentation to LADNR.

- Course Training Tuition receipt
- Certification of Completion from Accredited RESNET Trainer  
(including passing RESNET exam and completing required supervised ratings)
- Successful Completion of HERO Training Ratings  
(included in RESNET courses taught within Louisiana)
- Passing of HERO Program Test  
(administered by DNR)

Due to the high startup costs associated with becoming certified as a Home Energy Rater under RESNET and the need for more Home Energy Raters actively working in the enhanced HERO Program the LDNR will provide a partial reimbursement toward the purchase of mechanical testing equipment for those individuals who obtain full certification under RESNET and the HERO

Program, and go on to work under the HERO Program. This reimbursement incentive will expire on May 31, 2011 at the close of business, 5:30PM.

### **DNR Policy on Reimbursement for Testing Equipment**

Upon completion of all Home Energy Rater RESNET and HERO Rater certification requirements, DNR will reimburse 50% of the costs associated with mechanical testing equipment needed to conduct home energy ratings for up to a maximum of \$5,000 per student for as long as the funding lasts, for students that successfully complete a fully accredited RESNET training course, obtain RESNET Home Energy Rater certification and successfully conduct 10 full HERO Program Home Energy Ratings. This reimbursement applies only for as long as the money remains available. This reimbursement incentive will expire on May 31, 2011 at the close of business, 5:30PM.

To receive the DNR reimbursement, applicants will require the following:

- Equipment receipts
- Equipment Make, Model, and Serial Numbers
- Certification of Completion for HERO Training
- RESNET Home Energy Rater Certification Certificate
- Successful Completion of ten HERO Program Ratings

The 50% reimbursement can be applied toward the following equipment purchased on or after October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

- (1) Blower Door
- (2) Digital Pressure Gauges
- (1) Visible Light Transmittance Meter
- (1) Duct Blaster
- (1) Pressure Pan Assembly
- (1) CO<sub>x</sub> Meter
- (1) Thermal Camera

Information on LADNR's HERO and ARRA-program programs can be found at the LADNR website [www.dnr.state.la.us](http://www.dnr.state.la.us). Information on RESNET can be found at [www.natresnet.us](http://www.natresnet.us).

Information on applying to DNR for training and equipment reimbursements will be provided at all upcoming RESNET training detailed at:

[http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/techasmt/programs/residential/hero/training\\_and\\_reimbursement\\_screen.htm](http://dnr.louisiana.gov/sec/execdiv/techasmt/programs/residential/hero/training_and_reimbursement_screen.htm)